

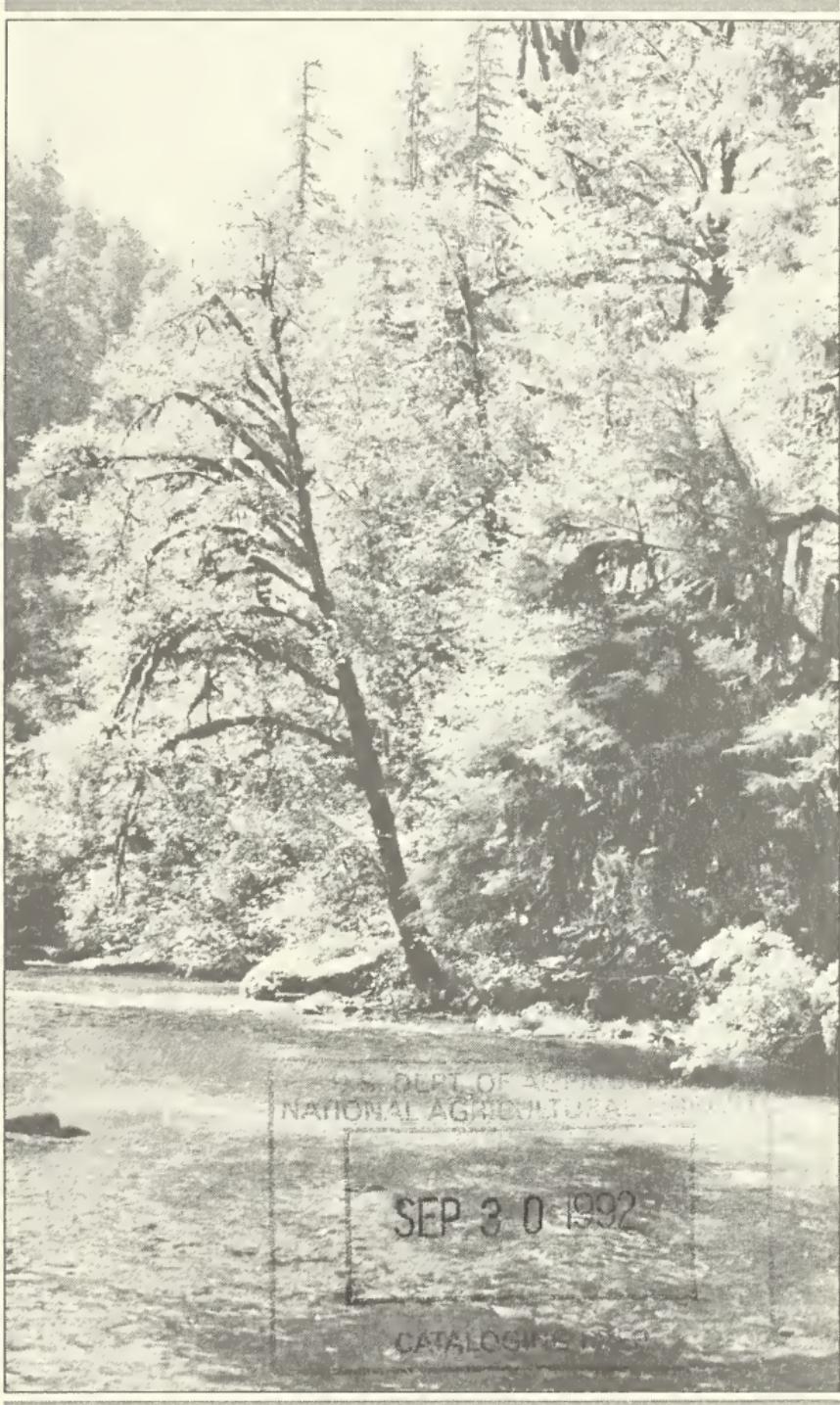
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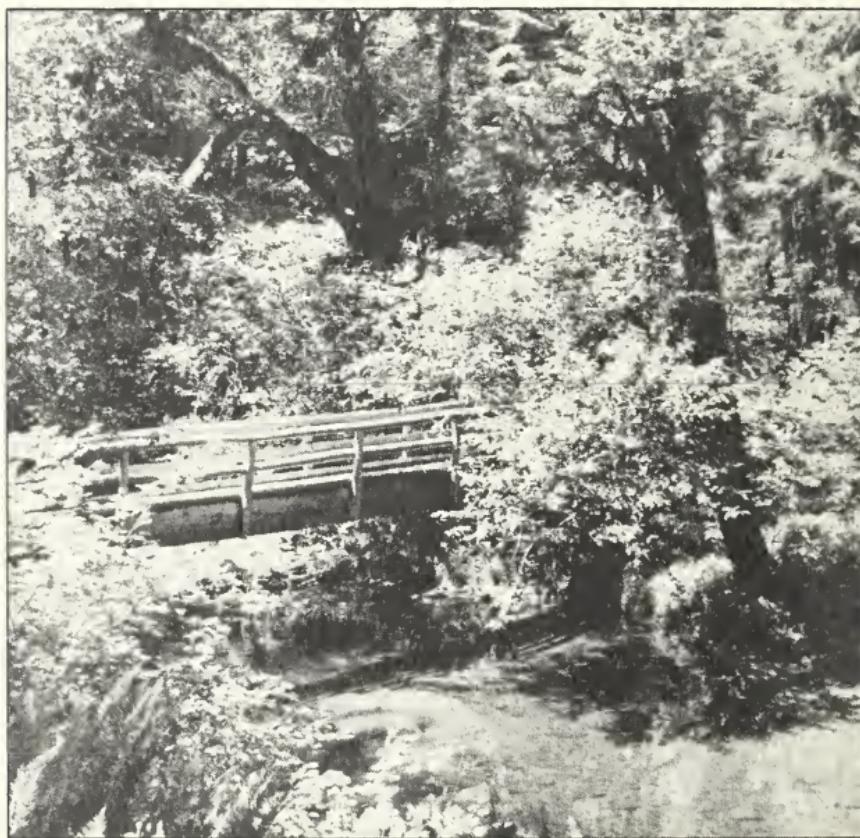
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Part of the pleasure in experiencing Fall Creek National Recreational Trail is the drive to the trailhead. You will begin in the picturesque Willamette River Valley, travel along Fall Creek Reservoir, and then up Fall Creek. The 14-mile trail, located approximately 30 miles southeast of Eugene, is easily accessed from Forest Road 18. To reach the lower trailhead, take Hwy. 58, 15 miles from Eugene to Lowell. Go north two miles to Unity junction and take Road 18 (Fall Creek Road) 11 miles to Dolly Varden Campground. The trailhead is located just south of Dolly Varden Campground across Fall Creek. Other trailhead access points are located on Road 1821, at Bedrock Campground, and on Road 1828. The trail terminates on Road 1833.

With the ease of access and proximity to the Eugene-Springfield area, Fall Creek Trail is in demand for short day hikes as well as longer overnight trips. You may camp overnight in a variety of locations, including Dolly Varden and Bedrock Campgrounds and dispersed sites near the trail and creek. Trail elevation ranges from 960 feet to 1,385 feet, making it accessible year-around.



Lush vegetation abounds at Fall Creek.

The major attraction along the trail is Fall Creek, visible from the trail for most of its 14 miles. You will pass deep pools, whitewater, many rock outcrops, and countless small side streams. There are numerous opportunities to stop for a refreshing swim or to angle for elusive rainbow or cutthroat trout to be found in the main stream.



*Towering
old-growth
Douglas-fir*

Along the Way

There is a variety of vegetation along the Fall Creek National Recreation Trail. Large second-growth and old-growth Douglas-fir tower over an understory mixture of shrubs and hardwoods, including vine maple, bigleaf maple, dogwood, and red alder. Wildflowers abound in the spring, while vibrant colors dominate in the fall.

The Marine Creek Old-Growth Grove, located west of Marine Creek at the upper end of the trail, is a dense stand of old-growth Douglas-fir with a mixture of western hemlock and western redcedar. This 51-acre stand is 300-500 years old.



Clark Creek Organization Camp

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A short side trip will take you to the Clark Creek Organization Camp, located one mile east of Big Pool Campground. Constructed in the 1930's, Clark Creek Organization Camp contains a log picnic shelter, several rough cedar sleeping shelters, a chapel, and a ball field. Reservations are required; contact the Lowell Ranger Station for reservation information. Please respect the rights of any group occupying the site.

Clark Creek Nature Trail

Clark Creek Nature Trail is located adjacent to Clark Creek Organization Camp. This 1.1-mile nature trail features 34 interpretive stations depicting the forest ecosystem.

Clark Butte Trail

This challenging 2.2-mile trail begins off the Clark Creek Nature Trail. Traveling through old growth, second growth, and young trees, it is a low-elevation trail open year-around.

Johnny Creek Nature Trail

Johnny Creek Nature Trail, located off Road 1821, provides an excellent interpretive opportunity for the physically



Interpretive signs line Johnny Creek Trail.

challenged. This .5-mile trail is paved with a wide, smooth tread, and the interpretive signs (as seen above) are designed for the visually impaired to be able to touch read. Wheelchair-accessible restroom facilities and a picnic table are available as well as a large parking area for buses.

Jones Trail

This 5.8-mile trail joins the Fall Creek National Recreation Trail three-fourths of a mile east of Bedrock Campground. It traverses to the north through the Bedrock-Slick Creek Dispersed Nonmotorized Recreation-Timber area.

Leave No Trace

- Help prevent forest fires—refrain from smoking while hiking, build campfires only in existing fire-rings, extinguish all fires completely with water.
- Please leave trees, plants, and wildflowers for others to enjoy.
- Please pack out your litter.
- Walk softly on the land and leave no trace.
- The Fall Creek National Recreation Trail is for hikers only—pack saddle stock and motorized vehicles are not allowed. For more information, please contact:

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